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# The Voice

## Algonia High School On to State!

Brittany Vaske

On Saturday, January 22, the Algonia High School Speech team woke up bright and early to travel to Laurens-Marathon. The team participated in Large Group Districts.

With 70 speech student members, 56 of them are on their way to State! The speech team received 14 Division I ratings, making 14 groups eligible for the State competition. The groups that qualified include Choral Reading, Freshman and Varsity Readers Theatre, Freshman and Varsity One Act, Freshman Readers,

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Freshman Ensemble, both Varsity Musical Theatre groups, five Improvisation groups, and Short Film. A few of the other schools that competed as well include Bishop Garrigan, Emmetsburg, Laurens-Marathon, and West Bend-Mallard.

The State competition will be held on February 5 in Sioux City. Senior Jeff Schipull quotes, "I am so excited to go to State my senior year!" Congratulations and good luck at State speech students!

## Senior book time!

Tyler Mawdsley

The Journalism II class is not only working on the yearbook but is also starting work on the annual senior book.

Each Journalism II student is going to be required to ask about 7 fellow seniors around 20 questions that will be featured in the senior book. Questions asked will be things like: "what is your favorite....," "what are your future plans," and "what is your best memory about...". Every senior will have their own page with their individual answers to the same questions. Each page

will also showcase a current picture and a candid baby picture. Besides the senior pages, the book will also have collages of pictures of the seniors taken throughout their high school years.

Any senior who wishes to buy a senior book needs to turn in \$20 to Mrs. Spear before the 1<sup>st</sup> week in April. You can pick up your order on the seniors' last day of school, when you practice for graduation.

If you are a senior and a journalism student needs to ask you some questions about the senior book, please help them out! Also don't forget to turn in a *candid* baby picture and a *current* senior picture into Mrs. Spear. If the pictures are not candid, they won't be included in the book!

Senior question sheets are due February 4th. A journalism student will be contacting you soon!



Above: The speech students wave to the camera while at Large Group Districts.

### Highlights from the senior book:

- Mackenzie Siefken's favorite movies are *Never Back Down* and *A Walk to Remember*
- Kari Simpson's nicknames are Karebear and Karol.
- Rachel Weiland's favorite song is "For the First Time" by The Script.
- Brittany Vaske's favorite word is BLING.
- Carly Sansone's hometown is Kenosha.
- Tyler Mawdsley's excuse for being late to class is, "The restaurant was slow."
- John Krause's birthday is April 30th.
- Katie Green's favorite childhood show is *The Rugrats*.
- Cane Arrowood can't live without power bars.
- Chris Arend's favorite class is open campus.

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# Busy time of year

John Krause

The Bulldogs played in two hard fought Conference games in a row. The boys' basketball team played Iowa Falls on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. The Bulldogs came out to an early lead on the Cadets, but Iowa Falls came back to lead going into halftime. The Cadets had a double digit lead in the early fourth quarter. The Cadets took control again to finish off the Bulldogs with a 54-47 victory. Ryan McMahon led the Bulldogs in scoring with 18 followed by Noah Hollinger, who had 10 points. Noah Hollinger also led the team in rebounding pulling down 8, along with Sam Lipps getting 8 rebounds. John Krause led the team in assists with 6.

The Bulldogs then played Clear Lake on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. This game was a very hard fought game. The game was tied with the score of 23-23 going into halftime. The Lions came out to an 8 point lead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. They extended their lead to 10 in the fourth, but the Bulldogs fought back, tying the game with 15 seconds left. The Lions then turned the ball

over with 1.5 seconds left. Sam Lipps threw up a last second shot that was just off the mark. This game went into overtime where the Lions would take the win 53-50. Noah Hollinger led the team in scoring, tossing in a career high 21. Ryan McMahon led the team with 11 assists

The Bulldogs destroyed Clarion on Friday, January 21, 2011. The final score of the game was 57-29. Ryan McMahon and Noah Hollinger led the team in scoring with 14 a piece followed by Michael McMahon with 13. Ryan McMahon had 7 assists

The Bulldogs went to play Forest City on Saturday, January 22, 2011. They lost this game 65-60. They had four scorers in double digits. Ryan McMahon led the team with 18 points.

Next up for the boys is a game at St. Edmonds this Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The boys then play cross-town rivals, Bishop Garrigan, on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Then they play Hampton-Dumont on Friday, February 4, 2011.

Left: Noah Hollinger and Sam Lipps go up for a block.



# 77 straight!

Mackenzie Siefken

The Algona High School girls' basketball team is still going strong. Coming after break, their record is currently 12-1. They have a two game lead in the North Central Conference. They are still undefeated in the Conference with a record of 11-0.

Coming back to school from break, the girls have defeated teams such as Humboldt, with the score of 41-20. They also had two huge Conference wins against the Iowa Falls Alden Cadets and the Clear Lake Lions.

The Bulldogs took a long trip over to Iowa Falls on January 14<sup>th</sup> to play the Cadets in a key matchup. The Bulldogs fought long and hard to defeat the Cadets with a score of 55-34. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Laura TerHark with 21 points, Megan Gerhardt with 12, and Mackenzie Siefken with 10.

Double overtime wasn't an option this time around for the girls when they played rivals from Clear Lake. The girls took action and finished the game in four quarters with the score of 50-37. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Brittany Vaske with 14, Laura TerHark with 12, and Mackenzie Siefken with 11.

The Dogs also played Clarion Goldfield last Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, in Conference action. The girls came away

Right: Brittany Vaske posts up for a pass.

with another close win with the score of 56-50. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Laura TerHark with 28 and Mackenzie Siefken with 13.

The girls traveled to Hampton Dumont this past Monday night to take on the Bulldogs in North Central Conference action. They came out with another win with the score of 50-40. The leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Laura TerHark with 23, Brittany Vaske with 8, and Megan Gerhardt with 7. Dominating the boards was Brittany Vaske grabbing a total of 17 rebounds!

Conference play against the Eagle Grove Eagles was another easy matchup for the Bulldogs this past Tuesday night. The girls won the game 72-22. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Mackenzie Siefken with 12, Laura TerHark with 11, and Heather Ziesman and Tangy Wiseman with 9.

The girls had a very busy week with playing three games in five days. Next up for the Bulldogs is the St. Edmonds Gales from Fort Dodge. The Bulldogs will have a big test to determine the Conference title with this match up.





## Setting the stage

John Etler

This past weekend, four teams remained in the NFL playoffs. Now only two are left. The Packers and the Steelers are the two left and will be facing off in the Super Bowl on February 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 45<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl played and this game will take place in Dallas.

Both these teams have lots of history in the playoffs and in the Super Bowl. The Steelers have won the most Super Bowls of any team so far, but the Packers won the first two.

In the first Conference championship game last Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Green Bay Packers took on the Chicago Bears.

These two teams are part of the most storied and tested rivalry in the NFL. The two teams have met 182 times and the Bears hold the advantage all time in the series with a record of 92-84-6. That wasn't the story on Sunday, however, as the Pack handled the Bears with a final score of 21-14 in favor of Green Bay.

The second game that was played on Sunday was between the New York Jets and the Pittsburgh Steelers. This game was an interesting matchup because both of these teams are known for winning games with their stellar defense. That defense didn't show

up in the first half for the Jets and the Steelers jumped out to a 24-0 halftime lead. The second half was just the opposite. The Jets came out with some fight and forced several scores, including a safety. They scored 19 unanswered points in the

second half but it wasn't enough in the end. Pittsburgh converted a crucial first down that allowed them to run out the clock and win by a score of 24-19. When asked about the Super Bowl, John Krause said, "Steelers by 30."



## On the road again

Chris Arend

This last Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, the AHS-NSK Bulldogs traveled to Ankeny to participate in the Ankeny Invitational tournament. This tournament was a double elimination style and featured Varsity and JV wrestlers from eight schools from all around the state. This year's participants were Mason City, Ankeny, Des Moines Roosevelt, Norwalk, East Sioux City, South Tama, Algona, and Des Moines Lincoln. Last year's success at Ankeny put a lot of pressure on the Bulldogs.

Starting off for the JV Bulldogs was Matt Hutchison, placing 4<sup>th</sup> at 103 pounds. Kevin Nemmers came away with a third place finish in the 112 lb. weight class. In the 130 lb. weight class, Micah Lavrenz did not place. Dakota Wait also did not place in the 145 lb. weight

class. Then Casey Hiscocks came away as champion, beating all his opponents in the 160 lb. weight class. In the 171 lb. weight class, freshman Patrick Sikora came away with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Sonny Davis wrestled his way to be the runner up in the 215 lb. class. To round out the JV tournament, sophomore Andres Guillen rounded out a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the heavyweight class. The Algona-NSK Bulldogs JV team finished very well overall, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams with 76 points.

The Varsity Bulldogs started out with 112 lb. Joel Lanus, who did not place. Kory Kuecker, in the 119 lb. class, wrestled his way to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. In the 125 lb. class, Jake Adams did not place. Zach McKenna wrestled the 130 lb. weight class and came out with a 6<sup>th</sup>

place finish. Also to place 6<sup>th</sup> was Austin Long in the 135 lb. class. In the 140 lb. class, Brad Bjostrom came out with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Senior Alex Wiseman wrestled his way to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Weston Shaw placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 152 lb. class. In the 160 lb. class, Tyler Frideres did not place. Will Chipman placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 171 lb. class. Jeff Buchanan finished at a 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 189 lb. class. In the 215 lb. class, Michael Mather placed 4<sup>th</sup>. In the end, the Bulldogs finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place with 84 points.

On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the AHS-NSK Bulldogs traveled to Humboldt to the North Central Conference tournament. Schools involved were Algona, Humboldt, Iowa Falls-Alden, Hampton-Dumont, St. Edmond, Webster City, Clarion-Goldfield, Eagle

Grove, and Clear Lake.

Starting off was Matt Hutchison, placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the 103 lb. class. Then was Joel Lanus in the 112 lb. class; he did not place. At 119 lbs., Kory Kuecker placed in the runner-up spot. In the 125 lb. class, Jake Adams did not place. At 130 lbs., Zach McKenna placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Also placing 6<sup>th</sup> was 135 lb. Micah Lavrenz. Next, at 140 lbs., Brad Bjostrom did not place. At the 145 lb. class, Alex Wiseman took home a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. Also placing 4<sup>th</sup> was 152 lb. Weston Shaw. Tyler Frideres placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 160 lb. class, as well as Will Chipman in the 171 lb. class and Jeff Buchanan in the 189 lb. class. Michael Mather placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 215 lb. class to finish off the tournament for the Bulldogs. Overall, the Bulldogs finished 6<sup>th</sup> with 111 points.

# Algona High School Prom 2011

Janelle Wittenberg

It is now the first of the year and many girls are looking for dresses, because prom takes place on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

There is a junior class after prom fundraiser going on. You can purchase raffle tickets that give you a chance to win an iPad that is 16 GB and a HP 1050 all on one deskjet printer. The tickets are one for three dollars or two for five dollars. You can purchase the tickets in the office or from Mr. Wellman. The drawing will take place during the February 11<sup>th</sup>

basketball game.

The theme for this year's prom is tropical. There is only one main place in Algona that you can get a dress, and that is Theresa's. If you find your dress there, it cannot be duplicated because they write down your name and what prom you are going to so nobody else can get it. Also your dates can get their tux there if you got your dress there because they can match their tie and vest almost perfectly since you got it there. Also another place in town for

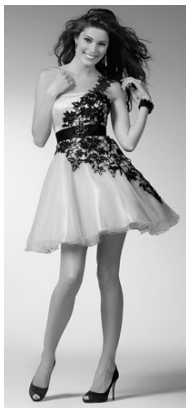
tuxes is Diamonds. If you order a tux from Diamonds, 5 dollars will go towards Algona's after prom.

Wherever you go to order your tux, you need to do it about one to two months earlier than April 9<sup>th</sup>, just to make sure it is the right size and if anything needs fixed on it.

When buying a dress, you need to think about the price because you will only be wearing it for a couple of hours. Some people will spend around 50 dollars on it, but others will

spend up to 500 dollars, it just depends on how much you want to spend on it. Once you have your dress picked out, you should probably order it right away, because many places don't know how long it takes.

Prom dress styles this year are all different kinds. There are long, short, colorful, plain, big, and little. With such a wide variety, there is sure to be a style for everyone.



Dorian participants

Front row: Abbie Atkinson, Katie Connick, AnnaLise Manske;  
Back row: Scott Haas and Jeff Schipull

## Dorian & Meistersinger

Rachel Weiland

Five Algona students participated in the Dorian Chamber Festival. 1,200 students from Iowa and states nearby participated. After three days of rehearsal, the concert was on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at Luther College in Decorah. The participants from Algona High School were Soprano Katie Connick, Alto Abbie Atkinson, Soprano AnnaLise Manske, Tenor Scott Haas, and Bass Jeff Schipull.

Three Algona students participated in the Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. The Festival was on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Algona students who participated in the event were Soprano Rachel Hoskins, Alto Emily Banwart, and Alto Makayla Metzger. "It was a lot of fun and we learned a lot of new things," said Emily Banwart.



Meistersinger participants

Makayla Metzger, Emily Banwart, and Rachel Hoskins



## Frostbite Olympics

Clarissa Laubenthal

February 18th through the 20th, the 3rd annual Frostbite Olympics will be held in Algona. Events include: car drop, chili cook-off, Texas Hold-Em tournament, kid games, off road ice races, broomball, snowmobile rides, treasure mountain, softball tournament, frostinis, and a blizzard bake off.

For the car drop, you have to be at least 18 to purchase a ticket. Each ticket is \$1 and the winner wins \$500 cash for guessing the date and time the car will drop through the ice at Smith Lake. Tickets can be purchased from Algona After 5 Kiwanis Club members or at the Chamber office.

On Friday, February 18th, events start off at 6

pm with the Chili Cook-Off. This will be held at the KC Hall and tickets are \$5. The fee includes your way in to the Muscle Shirts' concert there too. At 7:30 is the Texas Hold-Em tournament, which is also at the KC Hall. You have to pre-register to participate by calling Tim Smid at 515-200-9326. The 1st through 5th place winners will get cash prizes. Last for that night is The Muscle Shirts' concert, starting at 8:30 and ending at 11:30.

Events on Saturday, February 19th, start off at 9 am to 11 am at the United Methodist Church with the Festival 4 Kids Games. It's for kids ages 3 to 12 and video games are available for kids 8 and up. Cost for it is a freewill donation. At 9 am at Smith Lake,

registration will begin for the North Iowa Off Road Group Ice Races. The event starts at 11 am. There will be no cost, but there will be food and beverages available at the Water's Edge Nature Center. At 10 am, a broomball exhibition game will be held at Smith Lake. From 11 am to 2 pm, snowmobile rides will be given at Smith Lake. The cost is a freewill offering. At 11:30 am is Frostbite Treasure Mountain in the west lot, by the United Methodist Church. Anyone ages 2 to 12 can participate. From 12 pm to 5 pm is the Snowball Softball tournament. It is at Veteran's Park. To register go to [www.ci.algona.ia.us](http://www.ci.algona.ia.us) or the Algona Chamber of Commerce. Food and drinks will be available at the shel-

ter house; all profits will go to the Relay for Life committee. To end a very busy day, the Perky Parrot will have Frostinis from 8 pm to 11 pm. Tickets are only \$12, but there are only 75 tickets available, so get yours now.

To close your weekend, Sunday, February 20th, the Blizzard Bake Off starts at 11 am and ends at 1 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person. To register go to [www.algona.org](http://www.algona.org) or go to the Algona Chamber of Commerce. There is an application fee and a new category for kids.

So if you're looking for a good time February 18th through the 20th, go to the 3rd annual Frostbite Olympics and have some fun!

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:00 pm

Contestant applications available at [www.algona.org](http://www.algona.org) or at the Algona Chamber of Commerce

**Chili Cook-Off** at KC Hall. Tickets \$5/person (includes admission to the Muscle Shirts). No application fee. Vendors receive 2 complimentary passes.

7:30 pm

**Texas Hold-Em Tournament** at KC Hall. Pre-registration required. For information and registration, contact Tim Smid at 515-200-9326. Cash prizes will be awarded through 5th place.

8:30 pm - 11:30 pm

**The Muscle Shirts** at KC Hall. \$5 admission or free with Chili Cook-Off ticket. Sponsored by Rotary.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Festival 4 Kids Games** at the United Methodist Church, ages 3 - 12. Sponsored by Ambassadors/Kossuth Connections. Video games for ages 8 and up. Free will offering for admission.

9:00 am Registration  
11:00 am Event Starts

**North Iowa Off Road Group Ice Races** at Smith Lake. Spectators can enjoy from inside the Water's Edge Nature Center at no cost. Food and beverages available for purchase through Water's Edge Nature Center.

10:00 am

**Broom Ball Exhibition Game** at Smith Lake. Food and beverages available for purchase through Water's Edge Nature Center.

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Snowmobile Rides at Smith Lake.** Sponsored by Kossuth County Drift Skippers Snowmobile Club. Freewill offering to assist with insurance costs. Helmets available but please bring your own if available. Food and beverages available for purchase through Water's Edge Nature Center.

11:30 am

**Frostbite Treasure Mountain** at city parking lot west of United Methodist Church. Sponsored by Morwens, Noon and Algona After 5 Kiwanis clubs. Ages 2-12.

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Team registration available at [www.ci.algona.ia.us](http://www.ci.algona.ia.us) or at the Algona Chamber of Commerce.

**Snowball Softball Tournament** at Veteran's Park. Sponsored by Algona Recreation Dept. and Algona After 5 Kiwanis Club. Food and beverages available for purchase at the Shelter house through the Relay for Life Committee.

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

**Frostini** at Perky Parrot. A "cool" night out just for the ladies! \$12 cover includes hors d'oeuvres and a sweet treat! Cash bar will be available. Tickets are available at Perky Parrot or the Chamber Office. Only 75 available, so get yours today!

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Contestant applications available at [www.algona.org](http://www.algona.org) or at the Algona Chamber of Commerce

**Blizzard Bake Off** at KC Hall. Tickets are \$5/person. No application fee. Vendors receive 2 complimentary passes. New this year - kids category in addition to the adult category!



Drift into Algona  
for Winter Fun!



# School News

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Algona High School

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## Dawg Pound Sound

Kari Simpson

The Dawg Pound is no longer the loudest voice in the gym. Thanks to band director, Kurt Kissinger, the Algona Pep Band has its chance to shine. Known as the Dawg Pound Sound, it consists of not only high school students but also middle school students and adults from the community.

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, the Dawg Pound Sound made its debut at the basketball game. Playing fun, exciting songs including "Bad Romance" and "Thriller."

## New school

Cane Arrowood

The last couple weeks have been ones for the memory bank. There was the last week that O.B. Laing Middle School would be open. There was also the opening of a brand new middle school.

O.B. Laing was open in 1932, was remodeled in 1970, and ran until 2011. O.B. Laing has been running strong for 79 years, but it was time for a new building. In 2009, the Algona School District decided it was time for a new addition on the high school. They started to build the school that year. Two fast years later, the building was up and ready to be running.

The week of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, was hectic. The school week started off with two snow days! Wednesday was the only regular day that week. Thursday and Friday students didn't have school for the purpose of moving in the new middle school. 200 volunteers, 80 of which were

Student Scott Haas said, "I like the fun music we get to play!"

The band played again on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Their next performance will be February 1<sup>st</sup> during the home basketball matches. "Pep band is a great way to support our school's athletes, as well as get the crowd fired up," Kissinger said.

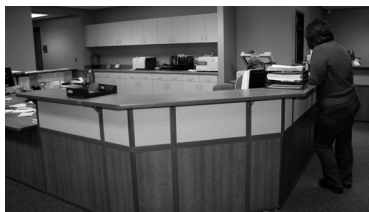
If you play an instrument and want to join the pep band, contact Mr. Kissinger.

students, chose to help move in to the new school. All who helped out got a free lunch provided by the Kossuth County Cattlemen's Club.

The week of January 17<sup>th</sup> was another crazy one. Many of the middle school students were ready to start in their new school, but it would be delayed. That Monday started off with a two-hour late start, Tuesday was another. Wednesday would be the first full day in the new school.

When asked about the new school, Emily Cook said, "It's cool!" Mallary Wegener said, "I like it!" Luke TerHark replied, "It's state of the art." Many middle schoolers like it now and many will in the future!

Right: The new offices.



## Second semester

Kaitlyn Householder

Second semester is a count down for all students, either for summer vacation or graduation. Some major events happening in the second semester consist of Superstars, prom, and graduation.

Prom will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and Superstars will be March 17<sup>th</sup>. Graduation will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is March 25<sup>th</sup>, and the last day of school is May 26<sup>th</sup>, depending on if there are any more snow days.

For juniors, this semester is important for ensuring your open campus next year. Some things to keep in mind to make sure you get open campus is to keep your grades up, don't

be late to class, don't skip class, and don't get kicked out of class.

This is the semester where all the seniors start counting down. The last day of high school for seniors will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Most seniors are becoming stressed with all the pressure of passing, graduating, planning reception parties, and applying for colleges and scholarships. In some cases they have a case of "senioritis" and lay back because it's the last semester and not take it seriously, but there are only 78 days left for seniors and 84 for other students.

For all students, let's make some more awesome memories!



Above: The new middle school commons. and gym.  
Right: Mrs. Hunt's classroom.

